

Russian Test

STOCKHOLM — Information from three separate facilities show that the Soviet Union detonated its underground nuclear explosion of Oct. 27, 1966, 15 minutes after a Chinese blast "presumably to conceal its own test," the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said.

The paper said the conclusion about Soviet intentions was based on data gathered at Seismological Institute at Upsalla, the Technical University in Stockholm, and the Swedish Defense Research Institute.

The paper's account said the Soviet test, which took place at Novaya Zemlya, an island in the Arctic Ocean, was moderate in size.

[In Washington, U.S. sources discounted the concealment theory and laid the timing of the Chinese and Soviet blasts — which their calculations indicated were hours apart — to coincidence.]